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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on August 11, 2005, DAVID B. REDMAN, age 42 of Olney, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in Benton, Illinois. REDMAN was sentenced to 135 months imprisonment, was fined \$250, and was placed on 5 years supervised release.

REDMAN had previously pleaded guilty to a federal superseding indictment which charged that from on or about 1999, the exact date being unknown, through on or about January 2005, in Richland County, and elsewhere in the Southern District of Illinois, REDMAN did knowingly and intentionally combine, conspire, and agree with others known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to knowingly and intentionally manufacture and distribute fifty (50) grams or more of a mixture and substance containing methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(B); all in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846.

The investigation was conducted by the Richland County Sheriff's Office, the Olney Police Department, and the Illinois State Police pursuant to their participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. Under the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutors are working together to prosecute drug dealers, felons in possession of firearms, and criminals that use firearms to commit violent offenses or drug trafficking offenses in the Southern District of Illinois.

Both the Clay County and Richland County States Attorney's Office have assisted throughout the investigation and has prosecuted a number of individuals in related cases in Clay County and Richland County Circuit Court.

The case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney George Norwood.